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J. N. Cooper	Ragon	Talladega
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W. S. Henderson	Harpersville	Talladega
W. M. Hall	Lincoln	Shelby
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J. L. Jones	Childersburg	Talladega
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J. M. Solley	Sycamore	Talladega
J. R. Steacy	Talladega	Talladega
T. R. Trotter	Lincoln	Talladega
W. C. Verrell	Lincoln	Talladega

Only such names as are reported in the letters from the churches as ordained ministers will appear in this directory.

MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

Coosa River Baptist Association,

— HELD WITH THE —

Sycamore Baptist Church, Sycamore, Alabama,
September 17, 18 and 19.

--- 1897. ---

OFFICERS:

LEALIS LAW, MODERATOR, Cropwell, Ala.
G. A. JOINER, CLERK, Talladega, Ala.
J. F. POPE, TREASURER, Wilsonville, Ala.

The next session of this body will be held with the Blue Eye Baptist Church,
Lincoln, Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the
third Sabbath in September, 1898.

PRESS OF OUR MOUNTAIN HOME,
TALLADEGA, ALA.,
1897.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Coosa River Baptist Association.

ART. II. It shall be composed of well-accredited messengers, appointed by regular Baptist Churches which are united in this union.

ART. III. Its meetings shall be annual.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected, by ballot or otherwise, at each session, and hold office till their successors are declared duly elected. Provided, that the non-election of the Treasurer shall not interfere with organization.

ART. V. The Association can not rule, but may advise the Churches. But it has a full right to reject the messengers of any Church not in order in faith or practice.

ART. VI. Petitions for membership must be by letter and one or more messengers, and the Association in each case is to judge on the question of reception.

ART. VII. Each Church of fifty members or less shall have three messengers, and one messenger for each fifty or fractional number over fifty.

ART. VIII. This Association is in full sympathy with the spirit and ready to correspond and co-operate with all regular Missionary Baptist organizations for the spread of the gospel and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth; but a difference of opinion on these matters shall not necessarily involve the question of fellowship.

ART. IX. Churches composing this body will be expected to contribute to and sustain a contingent fund, which shall be deposited by the messengers, at each annual meeting, with the Finance Committee; and other contributions for benevolent purposes will be earnestly sought and fostered by the Association.

ART. X. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the Churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed: nor of any difficulty between Churches unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle it; then the Association shall take such matter into consideration and act upon it at its discretion.

ART. XI. This Constitution, or any article, may be amended or abolished, at a regular meeting, on the concurrence of a vote, by standing of two-thirds of messengers present; provided, that such intended change is announced by the Moderator at least six hours before the action is taken.

RULES OF DECORUM.

RULE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

RULE 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

RULE 3. The names of the members shall be called each day before proceeding to business, and no member shall absent himself from the Association unless he have leave or be sick and unable to attend.

RULE 4. Visiting ministering brethren present shall be invited to seats in the Association.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, preserve order, and appoint all committees with the sanction of the Association.

RULE 6. The Moderator may speak in debate on any question, appointing some other member to fill the chair temporarily, but shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

RULE 7. The Moderator shall decide all questions of order, subject to the appeal to the Association by any two members.

RULE 8. Every member when speaking shall rise from his seat, respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question before the body, and avoid personalities.

RULE 9. A motion made must be seconded and stated by the Moderator before debating; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator or any member desire it.

RULE 10. When a motion is stated by the Moderator it is in possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before a decision or amendment.

RULE 11. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to lay on the table, postpone indefinitely, commit or amend; which said motion shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated. But a motion to adjourn is always in order except when a member is speaking or the body engaged in voting.

RULE 12. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum, the reception or exclusion of churches, shall be decided by a majority of the votes; in the excepted cases two-thirds are required.

RULE 13. Filling blanks with particular numbers, the question shall first be taken on the highest number and longest time.

RULE 14. When a motion has once been decided a member voting with the majority may move for reconsideration on any day during the session.

RULE 15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, and no member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition, without leave of the Association.

RULE 16. No practice shall be allowed which has a tendency to interrupt speaking or the business of the Association.

RULE 17. The appellation of "brother" shall be used by members in their addresses one to another.

RULE 18. The Clerk shall read these rules at the opening of every session of the Association.

RULE 19. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.—1. Devotional exercises.

2. Elect officers—Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Read Rules of Decorum.
4. Invite Churches to unite with our Association.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Call for correspondence from Associations.
7. Appoint committee on Preaching.
8. Appoint committee to pro rate among the Churches amount asked for by State Mission Board for all objects.
9. Appoint committee to nominate the time and place of next meeting, principal and alternate to preach next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.

10. Report on Periodicals and Literature.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sabbath-schools.
13. Fix hours to meet and adjourn.
14. Miscellaneous business.
15. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.—16. Devotional exercises.

17. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
18. Miscellaneous business.
19. Report on State Missions.
20. Report on Home Missions.
21. Report on Foreign Missions.
22. Report of Committee on Colportage and Bible work.
23. Report on Baptist Orphanage.
24. Report on Ministerial Education.
25. Report on Denominational Education.
26. Miscellaneous business.
27. Adjourn.

THIRD DAY.—28. Devotional exercises.

29. Read minutes and call roll of messengers.
30. Miscellaneous business.
31. Report of Committee to pro rate Contributions of Churches.
32. Report of Committee on Evangelization of Colored People.
33. Report of Committee on Woman's Work.
34. Report of Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
35. Report of Executive Committee of Association.
36. Elect Executive Committee of Association.
37. Elect Board of Trustees Indigent Ministers' Fund.
38. Return correspondence to Associations: Shelby, Cahaba Valley, Rolling Springs, Carey, Canaan, Central Tallasahatchie, Ten Islands, Unity and Calhoun.
39. Appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention (nine).
40. Appoint delegate to Southern Baptist Convention (one).
41. Report of Committee on Finance.
42. Report of Treasurer to Association.
43. Call for report of Committee on Nominations.
44. Order Clerk's salary paid and minutes printed.
45. Appoint committees to report at next session: On State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, Denominational Education, Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Colportage and Bible Work, Evangelization of the Colored People, Periodicals and Literature, Woman's Work and Orphanage.
46. Miscellaneous business.
47. Read minutes of this day's session.
48. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

SYCAMORE, TALLADEGA CO., ALA.,

Friday, September 17, 1897.

Messengers to compose the sixty-fourth annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Sycamore Baptist Church at 10 A. M. The body was called to order by Lealis Law, Moderator, by reading the 1st Chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by W. C. Bledsoe.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes, conducted by W. B. Carter.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by C. S. Johnson, from Joshua 14: 15.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY, September 17, 1:30 P. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by Lealis Law. Prayer by J. H. Pope.

Names of messengers enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

ANTIOCH—E. A. Aderholdt.

MUNFORD—B. W. Mattison, J. A. McDonald.

IRONATON—D. W. Shaddix.

SALEM—Eli Horn, H. R. Donaldson, J. W. Thweatt, Ed. Haynes.

REFUGE—W. M. Hall, R. T. Mayfield, R. A. Burton, Chas. Burton.

BLUE EYE—L. M. Madden, Philander Morgan, John McPherson.

LINCOLN—J. F. Davis, J. J. Davis, John Hutto.

DRY VALLEY—J. N. L. Nelson.

PLEASANT GROVE—E. H. Ogletree, J. N. Cooper, S. B. Elliott.

PROVIDENCE, TALLADEGA CO.—J. D. Davis, R. H. Brown, J. W.

Steeley, Isaac Adams, J. M. Yarbrough.

TALLADEGA—T. M. Callaway, J. B. Graham, Jno. C. Williams, J.

A. Powe, S. A. Austin, J. H. Pope, D. M. Mallory, J. H.

Hayden, J. A. Woodward, G. A. Joiner.

SECOND DISTRICT.

- RENFROE—F. G. Mullen.
HEPZIBAH—L. Merkl, J. G. Andrews, Simon Hallman.
CARTERSVILLE—F. B. Lanier, J. H. McDonald, J. E. Caldwell.
ALPINE—A. A. Hutto, S. W. Welch, S. C. Christie, W. R. Thompson.
WINTERBORO—E. B. Ledbetter, S. A. Quarles, T. I. Farris, Ira. W. Rhodes, R. W. Blair, J. M. Morris.
MT. IDA—W. J. Winslett, Chas. Reynolds, W. H. Ledbetter, Jas. Robbs.
TALLASAHATCHIE—A. W. Machen, Wm. Glasner, W. H. Gooden.
SYCAMORE—J. M. Solley, P. B. Workman, W. F. Burk, G. E. Goodwin, W. H. Seaborn.
PILGRIM'S REST—A. J. Lee, J. H. Smelley.
ROCKY MOUNT—T. H. Owens, J. D. Hammond, W. B. Grant.
MT. ZION—C. S. Johnson, W. H. Malone, J. L. Wilkes, G. S. Ham, J. A. Peters.
OAK GROVE—W. A. Vardeman, J. W. Burgess, W. P. Wesson.

THIRD DISTRICT.

- FAYETTEVILLE—Wm. Watters, E. P. Roberson.
MT. SHARON—K. J. Thomas, O. E. Billingsley, John H. Jones.
CHILDERSBURG—J. A. Butts, J. W. Huston, F. Moss, S. J. Sauls.
NEW HOPE—W. E. Haywood, J. T. Reese, J. L. Jones, A. J. Worthy.
WILSONVILLE—J. F. Pope, P. T. Ray, G. W. Taylor, H. A. Jackson, J. H. Weldon.
HARPERSVILLE—J. F. Parker, J. F. McGraw.
PROVIDENCE, SHELBY CO.—G. S. Glasner, L. H. Cooper, B. F. Bates.
SPRING CREEK—G. W. Glazner, R. A. Kidd, W. H. Kidd.
MACEDONIA—J. J. Burks.
COOSA VALLEY—J. A. Collins, L. F. Funderburg.
CROPWELL—Lealis Law, Jas. M. Jones.
SEDDON—J. D. Truss, W. J. Winters.
RIVERSIDE—John G. Dobbins.

Letters from the Churches were read by C. S. Johnson and S. W. Welch.

Letter was read from Pilgrim's Rest Church, recently reorganized. The messengers bearing said letter were received and right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Official visitors :

W. C. Bledsoe, Representing State Mission Board.
Geo. S. Anderson, Evangelist, Mission Board.
M. M. Wood, Representing Howard College.
J. W. Stewart, Representing Orphans' Home.
J. A. Howard, Representing Alabama Baptist.
W. B. Carter, Representing Ministerial Education.

Correspondents:

M. M. Wood, W. B. Carter, J. G. Lowrey, Birmingham Association.
A. Williams, Calhoun Association.
W. H. Johnson, J. E. Holmes, Carey Association.
J. E. Wilson, Tuscaloosa Association.

Present officers re-elected by acclamation, as follows:

LEALIS LAW, Moderator.
GEORGE A. JOINER, Clerk.
J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

Abner Williams invited to seat on platform by unanimous vote.

Program of Business of last session adopted.
Reading of Rules of Decorum dispensed with.
Special committees appointed:

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—W. H. Malone, S. W. Welch, J. D. Truss,
J. G. Lowrey.

PRO RATING—J. D. Truss, S. W. Welch, F. G. Mullen.

NOMINATIONS—J. M. Solley, E. A. Aderholdt, Philander Morgan.

FINANCE—S. W. Welch, J. H. Hayden, D. F. Funderburg.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The question which agitates the zealous Sunday School worker of the present day is not as to whether there is any Scriptural authority for the modern Sunday School movement. That question has been definitely settled in the minds of a great majority of the members of orthodox Christian churches. But the question which does concern the Sunday School worker is: How to enlist the active co-operation of parents and the older members of the Churches, and thereby secure the attendance of the children. To accomplish this, Sunday School associations have been organized and State Sunday School conventions have been held. An examination of a program of many of these gatherings will disclose the fact that this question is one of the live questions of the day and is frequently and prominently discussed.

Your committee is of the opinion that as Baptists we need a more thorough awakening and a greater interest in this grand movement. We claim, and justly so, that our faith and practice are founded upon the Eternal Truth as recorded in the Holy Bible, and that the Bible is and should be our only guide book. Then why should we not delight to study it and to teach it, and to have it taught to our children? There is no better place, no more appropriate place, than in the Sunday School. We lay down the broad proposition that every Church house in the land should be open for worship on each Lord's Day, when weather conditions are favorable. It is true that weak Churches cannot afford to employ all the time of a pastor; we concede this. But it seems to us that there is no reason why each Church should not meet every Lord's Day for the study of God's Word.

Therefore we would earnestly and affectionately press upon our people the importance of this grand movement and urge them to an increased interest therein. Respectfully submitted,

G. A. JOINER,
F. B. LANIER,
L. M. MADDEN.

The above report was amended by adding the following memorial from Lincoln Baptist Church:

We wish to call your attention to the inability of the working part of some of our churches to supply themselves with literature for Sabbath Schools, and for this reason have no schools. To remedy this evil we would suggest that you appoint a Sabbath School Board for this Association, making it the duty of this board to hold a Baptist Sabbath School Convention for this Association during the coming year, to collect funds for assistance of such schools as need it, and to superintend all Sabbath School work in our bounds and make report to next meeting of our Association. We wish to nominate Bro. Jas. H. Hayden, of Talladega, for President of that Board.

Discussed by G. A. Joiner, W. H. Johnson, J. F. McGraw, A. A. Hutto, J. H. Hayden, J. G. Dobbins, Eli Horn, G. S. Ham, J. A. Butts, E. A. Aderholdt, Jno. C. Williams, Philander Morgan, S. W. Welch, J. L. Wilkes, W. B. Carter, J. A. Howard, S. A. Quarles, and adopted.

Committee on Public Worship made following report, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Public Worship, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that the Association hold night sessions and that there be no preaching until Sunday morning.

We recommend that Bro. T. M. Callaway preach in this house Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.; that Bro. G. S. Anderson preach in this house at 2 P. M. on Sunday, and that Bro. M. M. Wood preach at Winterboro at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. TRUSS,
W. H. MALONE,

J. G. LOWREY,
S. W. WELCH,
Committee.

FRIDAY, September 17, 7:30 P. M.

Association called to order by Moderator Lealis Law.

Prayer by J. W. Stewart.

Following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That Chairmen of Committees, Representatives of Boards, denominational enterprises, etc., be allowed fifteen minutes for speaking on subjects assigned to them, all others to be allowed five minutes.

A. A. HUTTO.

Agreed to meet at 9 A. M. and adjourn at pleasure.

The Committee on Temperance asked for further time, which was granted.

In the absence of said report, upon motion the general subject of Temperance was discussed and participated in by G. A. Joiner, Jno. C. Williams, M. M. Wood, J. A. Butts, Philander Morgan, J. W. Stewart, J. G. Lowrey, J. A. Howard, C. S. Johnson, D. F. Funderburg, W. H. Johnson and W. B. Carter.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., Saturday, September 18, 1897.

SATURDAY, September 18, 9 A. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises conducted by F. G. Mullen.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Periodicals and Literature reported.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

Among the agencies of evil, irreligious literature stands foremost. Its influence is wide spread. The pathway of rectitude is strewn with human failures, the direct result of that weakness engendered by the trashy literature of the present time. Many boys and girls who could have been useful to their home and country have been so weakened by light literature that they only drift with the tide.

Not only does a certain class of literature weaken the moral impulse, but so strengthens the evil impulse of some that a Jesse James or a Rube Burrows seems to have been created from an apparently good character. How often do we read of some young man on whom the law has laid its iron hand and find that he was only translating into his life thoughts obtained from some evil book.

On the other hand, the good results of religious literature never will and never can be known till the records of our Father are opened before an assembled universe. No other agency except the public preaching of the Word is so powerful for good. Many of the shining lights of the Church have been converted through the influence

of some good book. Such agencies for good or evil should not be lightly esteemed. Bad literature should receive our most hearty and decided disapprobation, while good literature should be encouraged, and especially that published in the interest of our Church work. This is the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala.; our Missionary Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and our Sunday School literature, published at Nashville, Tenn. Prices of our Sunday School periodicals, per quarter, are as follows:

The Teacher	12½ cents.
Advanced Quarterly	2½ "
Intermediate Quarterly	2½ "
Primary Quarterly	2½ "
The Lesson Help	1 "
Kind Words (weekly)	12½ "
Kind Words (semi-monthly)	6½ "
Kind Words (monthly)	4 "

We have also a book depository at Montgomery, Ala., managed by Bro. J. B. Collier. Baptists in need of religious books should not forget this.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. POPE.

Discussed by Abner Williams, J. H. Pope, J. A. Howard, and adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Without temperance no character can be formed strong. Temperance, in the Bible sense, means control of all the appetites and passions, and "fleshly lusts which war against the soul." It is one of the fruits of the spirit—"Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law." "Know you not that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost's; whosoever defileth the temple of God, him will God destroy." Because this temple of God is being defiled through strong drink destruction is coming to thousands to-day.

Says Dr. J. G. Holland, whose wise words have benefitted thousands, "It is a cruel thing to send a boy out into the world untaught that alcohol in any form is fire, and will certainly burn him if he puts it into his stomach. It is a mean thing to send a boy out to take his place in society without understanding the relation of temperance to his own safety and prosperity, and the safety and prosperity of society. They should be taught that an appetite for drink is certainly developed by those who use it, which is dangerous to life, destructive to health of body and peace of mind, and in millions of instances ruinous to fortune and to all the higher interest of the soul. They should be taught that the crime and pauperism of society flow as naturally from alcohol as any effect whatever naturally flows from its competent cause. They should be taught that drink is the responsible cause of most of the poverty and want of the world. So long as six hundred million dollars are annually spent for drink in this country, every ounce of which was made by the destruction of bread, and not one ounce of which has ever entered into the sum of national wealth, having nothing to show for its cost but diseased stomachs, degraded homes, destroyed industry, increased pauperism and ag-

gravated crime, these boys should understand the facts and be able to act upon them in their first responsible conduct."

Before the Church can hope to do much in abolishing saloons and reforming the world she must look to her own members, exclude every drunkard, demand that her members refrain from visiting the bar room and signing petitions to sell the "stuff."

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. MULLEN.

Report adopted.

Committee on State Missions reported.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the Work of the State Board of Missions respectfully report to this body: First, that in the labor of securing means for the support of Home and Foreign Missions; second, that in lending proper aid and assistance to those Churches that, by reason of their infancy, have not become self-supporting; third, that in the promotion of evangelical work throughout its jurisdiction and in the development of our ministry by institute work; fourth, that in the dissemination of religious literature; fifth, that in the maintenance of our indigent and superannuated ministry and in taking care of their widows and orphans; sixth, that in fostering church fellowship and in promoting co-operation in church work, that in building up unity in church sentiment along the line of unity in church action, that in the aggregation of the individual forces of the many Churches of the State in the promotion of a common purpose for a common good the State Board of Missions has proven to be, by far, the most available means and the most powerful factor in the accomplishment of the great work committed to them, that has been inaugurated by the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

In the collection and in the forwarding of funds, in the extended distribution of religious literature, in all of the extended labors of the denomination the State Board of Missions is found to be indispensable as a means and its labors should be rewarded and its work should be sustained, and its hands should be held up by all the energy of all the Missionary Baptists of our State.

And in proportion as we regard our individual duty as Christians, and in proportion as we regard our individual responsibility to ourselves and to our Church organizations, in proportion as we regard the utility of mission work as a means of the introduction and of the extension of the religion of Christ into heathen lands, in proportion as we accept and as we endorse the power of Christ unto their salvation, just so far is it our Christian duty to give of our means in sustaining the labors of the Board of Missions of the State in the promotion of their good work, and just so far should we give our hearts to this inspiring cause, and just so far should we give our prayers to the promotion of the spread of the gospel of the Master.

While obedience to the last great command of Christ may be, or may be regarded, as non-essential, yet to go to all parts of the then known world and to preach the gospel to every living creature was, to say the least of it, a duty that was enjoined upon the apostles and a duty to which we were the successors—a duty from which Baptists have never shrunk, and it to-day becomes every one who holds to and who depends upon the truth of its sublime faith to amplify the powers of the State Board of Missions in the masterly work it has

undertaken to accomplish, of the commendable labor it has in hand of aiding in the spread of the gospel, in giving a charity to the indigent of its own ministry, in aiding in the necessary work of the endowment of our seminaries of learning, in lending a helping hand to the feeble churches of our denomination, in executing all the great work at hand waiting to be accomplished.

The means of salvation is supplied, the work of the Evangel is before us and should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,
PHILANDER MORGAN,
Chairman.

Committee on Home Missions reported.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following: The Southern Baptist Convention was instituted many years ago for the extension of Christ's kingdom, and we learn that the home field was included in this institution. The whole South with Cuba is the field. And we need to take heed to the Master's words, for He said: "Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest. Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." And we are told by Paul that we are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry. Ye are God's building. God is in a hurry about His business. The King's business requires haste, for men are dying unprepared. Satan loses no time; he is trying to thwart the purposes of God. Our prayers for this work should be mixed with food and clothing or free contributions. For it is an extensive field and a mixed multitude—people from all parts of the world. And when we think of the Indian, when he was driven to another place by the white man. Since that he has gone to him with the gospel, and it is bringing us together, where we can now shake his hand and call him brother. Brethren, let us thank God and take courage, for our labor is not in vain in the Lord, it makes a friend out of a foe, as well as saving souls. We think we have the right man in the right place, to-wit: Bro. and Eld. I. T. Tichenor, as Secretary of this Board, and may he live long. The amount of the work has been reported year after year and we think it hardly necessary to bring the figures before you this time. He that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. HALL.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention comprises six countries, viz.: China, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Africa and Mexico. In China the work is divided into three sections or districts. They are North, Central and Southern China. In South China there are three stations with 15 missionaries and 42 native helpers. Central China has four stations with 12 missionaries and native helpers, and North China has three stations with 12 missionaries. Japan has three stations with 9 missionaries. Brazil has

seven stations with 15 missionaries and native helpers. Italy has seventeen stations with 3 missionaries and 19 native helpers. Mexico has nine stations with 28 missionaries and native helpers. Africa has four stations with 12 missionaries and native helpers. Alabama has a son and daughter in Japan, viz.: J. W. McCallum and wife. Also Miss Willie Kelly in Central China.

The combined population of these six countries is more than 625,000,000, more than ten times as large as that of the United States. Among these people almost every imaginable form of idolatry and superstition prevails. Ignorance, barbarism, semi-barbarism, idolatry and Roman superstition have had their direful effects upon the hearts, homes, lives and governments of the people.

The statistics of the last convention year show the condition of our work as follows: Missionaries, 80; native helpers, 110; churches, 95; baptisms, 660; membership, 4,324; Sunday School scholars, 1,275, and contributions from foreign fields, \$6,658. The total amount paid for Foreign Missions was \$125,681.99. Of this amount Alabama gave only \$6,563.29, a little more than an average of 5 cents per member, while the contributions from the foreign field were \$6,658, almost \$1.50 per member.

By examining the statistics of the last Southern Baptist Convention you will find that the entire expenses of conducting the Foreign Mission work last year, including more than \$2,000 interest on the debt, was a fraction over 8 per cent. of the \$125,681.99 contributed. Hence you see that more than 91 per cent. of all gifts reach the missionaries.

It is true that there are many other missionaries in these and other fields, sent out by other Protestant denominations, but by many of these the gospel is taught imperfectly, and even with these the number is altogether inadequate to the great task. Arthur Pierson says in his "Crisis of Missions:" "We may safely estimate the souls that in Pagan, Moslem, Papal and nominally Christian lands, who still need to be reached with a pure gospel, at a thousand millions, and the whole number of missionary laborers at 35,000, and could each of these carry on the work of evangelization, each worker would have to care for nearly 35,000 souls." Will we not think of the great task and bestir ourselves to more prayer and greater liberality? Let every Christian, every pastor and every Church heed the command, "Go ye." At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the entire indebtedness of the Foreign Mission Board was paid off, but since then contributions have been small and there is danger of incurring another debt at the rate we are now going. The first three and a half months of this convention year Alabama gave for Foreign Missions only \$295.07.

The Woman's Missionary Union has done a noble work in connection with the Convention. The power of its work is being felt. What we need now is information and system. The former can be gained by reading the Foreign Mission Journal, religious papers and the Bible. The latter is the natural product of increased interest.

A. A. HURTO.

Committee on Bible and Colportage reported.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE AND BIBLE WORK.

We your Committee on Colportage and Bible Work find that we have to report the shadow for the substance, as the Colportage

work seems to be a thing of the past. We see by the unanimous action of the Board at the July meeting it was thought wise, in the opinion of those present, that it would be greatly to the advance of our work to dispose of the book business. A plan was submitted by the Corresponding Secretary and adopted by the Board, by which our stock of books etc., was transferred to Bro. J. B. Collier, he taking the stock on consignment and receiving 10 per cent. on sales of the same. It was absolutely necessary that some disposition be made of this department, as we were not able to make it pay its own running expenses. By the arrangement mentioned above it is thought that within the next two or three years we will be able to get rid of the debt which has been incurred by this department and constantly increasing. We find again that no suggestion is made in regard to the book business, that having been disposed of by previous action of the Board, it is the opinion of the Board that under favorable conditions this could be made of great practical utility to the denomination in the State. However, it has been thought best to allow this matter to await the developments of the future. We also find that there was no report made at the last State Convention on Bible and Colportage Work. We find that the Colportage and Bible Work in the past, in this Association, was a failure because it never received the support that it should have had.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. HAM.

Committee on Orphans' Home reported.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your Committee is gratified to be enabled to give some statistics about an institution that ought to be dear to the heart of every Baptist of our Association.

The Baptist Orphanage, located at Evergreen, has been in existence only four years. The property consists of 80 acres of land—30 acres in farm, 30 in pasture and 20 in woods; cost, \$5,400.33.

It also has a 10-room brick house, a large barn and three tenant houses. All debts are paid and it is in no way incumbered.

Into this Orphanage have been received 31 boys and 35 girls, and out of it have gone by adoption 15 boys and 16 girls; by apprenticeship, 2 boys; girls are not apprenticed, only boys. The children attend the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged. They all attend Sunday School and Church. The boys are taught to do farm work and the girls do various kinds of house work. It will cost from \$6.00 to \$7.25 per month for each child.

Learning from the facts stated how well and economically are conducted the affairs of this institution, we still find there is more opportunity afforded to show our love and our benevolence. More room is needed and the institution well deserves it. Your Committee therefore would recommend that all the Churches in our Association should cheerfully and liberally furnish the means to build a much-needed dining room, cook room, laundry, bath rooms and six bed rooms, so that the urgent applications to take deserving orphans may be favorably considered, and the sick children of the institution may be properly cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

LEOPOLD MERKL.

The above reports were discussed by W. C. Bledsoe and J. W. Stewart.

The following pledges were given for the Evergreen Orphans' Home:

J. L. Wilkes, (paid)	\$5 00
G. S. Ham, (paid)	5 00
Mrs. S. A. Fluker, (paid)	5 00
J. D. Davis, (paid)	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Averett	5 00
Philander Morgan	5 00
J. F. Pope	5 00
G. A. Joiner	5 00
D. M. Mallory, (paid)	5 00
J. A. Butts, (paid)	1 00
G. W. Gardner	1 00
W. M. Hall	1 00
E. H. Ogletree, (paid)	1 00
J. A. Collins, (paid)	50
J. H. McDonald, (paid)	2 50
F. G. Mullen	1 00
J. A. Peters, (paid)	2 50
Mrs. Jackson, (paid)	1 00
W. F. Burk, (paid)	1 00
P. B. Workman, (paid)	1 00
Mrs. M. A. O. Gooden, (paid)	5 00
J. J. Burks	5 00
Mrs. J. W. Langley	1 00
Cash	1 40

Pending further discussion adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

SATURDAY, September 18, 1:30 P. M.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by John McPherson. Discussion of Mission and other reports resumed. Discussed by A. Williams, W. B. Carter, A. A. Hutto, J. G. Lowrey, and separately adopted.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to say that we can report only in a very general way. Our people and Howard College are still striving, perhaps doing all they can, to give to our pulpits capable expounders and doers of the Word of God. At our last Association at Cropwell the Churches pledged \$262.50 and private individuals promised to give or to raise \$202.00 for Howard College. These promises have been redeemed. Some of the Churches and some private members have given various sums for the young men educating for the ministry at the Howard. The number of beneficiaries, the amount raised and the amount needed to supply the necessities of the young men we have been unable to ascertain. We hope our brethren will be able and willing to continue our young men at college.

While your Committee are pained by the continuance of the bitter controversy respecting the President of the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary, we feel that God lives and reigns and rules, and therefore the Seminary will live when the controversy is in oblivion and continue to bless our land with her annual vintage of educated and consecrated young ministers. Let us be faithful and true to the Seminary, though the President, his advocates and opponents fall together. The Seminary cannot be allowed to suffer.

We would not be understood, however, as insinuating that Seminary students, only, are needed in our pulpits. The uneducated are equally necessary and supply a want that the educated cannot, or will not, supply. These two classes of preachers are like two strong pillars standing opposite, supporting some mighty temple; if either be stricken out the edifice tumbles. Any of us can name a denomination of Christians who believe scholasticism unfits a man for the pulpit; we can also name another denomination who believe that Greek and Hebrew are that without which one cannot be properly ordained to the ministry. The former denomination is unknown in highly cultured communities and it is fast fading away. The latter is comparatively unknown in remote rural districts and is not prospering, especially in our Southland. In the most uncultured settlements our pulpits are supplied with taste and talents in harmony and sympathy with the people—true and good men panoplied with the shield of faith, which no sceptic's dart can penetrate; and with the sword of the Spirit, the simple Word of God, which slays right and left for the Lord. In the most learned and classic cities on earth there are Baptist ministers suited to the cultivated tastes and talents of their congregations and equal to any demand or emergency. As a natural consequence Baptists are forging ahead among all classes and over all opposition. Warm, gushing, loving hearts, though unlettered; and cool, logical, learned heads are equally necessary and indispensable in winning souls and bringing the kingdoms of this earth to be the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

We earnestly recommend to all our ministers Bro. G. S. Anderson's Institutes as one of the very best means of educating ministers who cannot attend the Seminary, and request Bro. Anderson to set a time and place for holding an Institute within our Association.

C. S. JOHNSON,
Chairman.

Committee on Denominational Education reported.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

We presume that all Protestants believe in Christian education, though they may not commit themselves to the practice.

Your Committee would have this body declare in favor, not only of Christian education, but of Denominational education, and would then insist that all institutions of learning professing to represent us and seeking our patronage carry into effect the declaration. Every denomination owes it to itself, to say nothing of the Master's cause, to establish its people in the faith they profess, so that every one at all times may be ready to give an intelligent reason for the faith that is in him. Further than this, we think that our people should inform themselves as to what others hold—not merely for controversial purposes, but as a matter of vital intelligence and ecclesiastical information.

Our denominational schools are primarily designed to educate in the broadest sense—secular and religious—and at the same time

to give instruction in Baptist faith and practice and seek to develop the spiritual man along Christian lines.

It speaks but little for our denominational pride, interest and intelligence, that our schools have so small a patronage. It is true that we have had our loyalty, if not our liberality, tested in our struggles to rise from the ashes and to get from under mortgages which fire and financial distress have brought us in recent years; and while we may say that we have done well in these things, nevertheless, our colleges cannot live without patronage.

If they are in such condition and so equipped and managed as not to warrant and command our patronage, then Baptist pride and common sense should cause us either to change the condition for the better, or to abolish the institutions in their denominational connections. The Howard is a valuable and almost indispensable aid in the education of our ministers and has no mean record, and causes congratulation in the distinction and worth of its alumni in secular affairs. These things should cause us to deliberately consider its claims.

The Judson has a peerless record among female colleges in Alabama.

If you are unable or disinclined to patronize these institutions, let us urge that you see to it that your children have at least good Christian instructors or none at all, that you give your personal attention to a close home reading by your children of the New Testament, with the assurance that such a study will result in much denominational training from a Baptist standpoint.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GRAHAM,

Chairman.

Discussed by C. S. Johnson, J. B. Graham, M. M. Wood and adopted.

Agreed to appoint a committee to organize Institutes, and the following committee was appointed: F. G. Mulen, C. S. Johnson, J. M. Solley.

Committee on Pro Rating reported:

REPORT OF PRO RATING COMMITTEE.

		Forward . . .		\$ 875 00
Antioch.	\$ 25 00	Alpine	55 00	
Blue Eye	30 00	Cartersville	15 00	
Childersburg	35 00	Coosa Valley	35 00	
Cropwell	35 00	Dry Valley	10 00	
Fayetteville	50 00	Hepzibah	30 00	
Harpersville	50 00	Lincoln	50 00	
Ironaton	5 00	Mt. Zion	55 00	
Mt. Ida	10 00	Macedonia	20 00	
Mt. Sharon	25 00	New Hope	5 00	
Munford	25 00	Providence (Tal.)	15 00	
Oak Grove	5 00	Provid'e (Shelby)	10 00	
Pleasant Grove	40 00	Renfroe	10 00	
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\$335 00		\$1,185 00		

Forward . . .	\$335 00	Forward . . .	\$1,185 00
Rocky Mount . . .	10 00	Riverside	15 00
Refuge	25 00	Salem	40 00
Sycamore	55 00	Seddon	20 00
Spring Creek . . .	40 00	Tallasahatchie . .	30 00
Talladega	350 00	Pilgrim's Rest . .	5 00
Wilsonville	60 00	Winterboro	45 00
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Forward	875 00	Total,	\$ 1,340 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. G. MULLEN,
S. W. WELCH,
J. D. DAVIS.

Adopted.

Committee on Evangelization of Colored People reported.

REPORT ON EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

There are in Alabama 150,000 Colored Baptists. A plan for their evangelization and instruction was arranged a few years ago between the Home Mission Society, of New York, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the White and Colored Conventions of Alabama. The expense of the work is borne jointly between the Boards mentioned above, \$50,000 of which is paid by our State Board; the amount being divided between Brothers Boothe, Pollard and Pettyjohn, all colored. These brethren are engaged in this work by holding Ministers' Institutes, instructing the preachers in Bible history and doctrine, church government and kindred subjects. Dr. W. C. Bledsoe, corresponding secretary, endorses this plan of evangelization and believes that much good for the colored race will be accomplished by the co-operative plan above referred to. We are heartily in favor of evangelizing the colored people and affording them all the assistance in our power for their religious and moral upbuilding.

JNO. C. WILLIAMS.

Adopted.

Special Committee on Book Depository reported.

REPORT ON BOOK DEPOSITORY.

The Special Committee appointed to establish a Book Depository within the bounds of the Coosa River Association beg leave to make the following report.

Your Committee have perfected arrangements to open such a depository with Kyser, Powe & Co., in Talladega, Ala., where we hope to keep on hand all kinds of Baptist books for sale.

G. A. JOINER,
Chairman.

Report adopted and upon motion the Committee on Bible and Colportage was given control of said Depository.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

SATURDAY, September 18, 7:30 P. M.

Association called to order. Devotional exercises con-

ducted by M. M. Wood. Prayer by T. M. Callaway.
Committee on Woman's Work reported.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman in this nineteenth century has caught the spirit of apostolic times. From the day the enunciation was made to the Virgin of Bethlehem, that she was to be the mother of Jesus, woman has taken a new rank in history. Mary Magdalene, the sweet messenger of mercy and herald of hope, who bore the good tidings to the apostles and others on the resurrection morn, was but the pioneer missionary of her sex.

Thousands of others have caught the inspiration from her noble example, so that to-day more than one third of the entire force in the Foreign field is composed of devoted, consecrated, godly women.

Efforts are continually being made by these missionaries to better the condition of heathen women, to lighten their burdens, illuminate their homes with the light of the gospel, and to reveal to those benighted ones their real place and mission in life. The Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, is indeed carrying out the idea as set forth in the creation: "An help-meet for him."

With a sweet spirit of consecration, free from any professionalism, looking not for their reward in this world, these noble women give their time, their energy, their money, yea themselves to the Master's work.

Nine years ago, the beginning of the woman's missionary societies of our Southern churches, they gave to the Home Board \$6,723.10. Last year they gave \$33,542, an increase of five-fold in eight years.

Their last report, ending April, 1897, shows contributions amounting to \$29,931.31.

The amount contributed to Foreign missions by this Union during the past year is \$23,476.33, making \$53,407.64 given to Foreign and Home missions.

The ninth annual report of the Central Committee of Alabama states that the total receipts in money from all the Southern States in the past nine years has been \$233,451.66 for Foreign missions, and \$198,144 for Home missions. Of these amounts Alabama has contributed \$9,412.69 for Foreign, and \$11,511.77 for Home missions.

From the Maryland Baptist Mission Rooms, No. 9, West Lexington street, Baltimore, Md., there are sent out tracts and leaflets into thirty-one states and territories.

This literature has been of inestimable value to pastors and churches throughout this country, as well as a blessing to thousands of others.

The officers in the societies of woman's work receive no salaries. Their's indeed is a labor of love.

We should not only be thankful to God for the great work these women are doing, but give them our cooperation, our sympathy, and our prayers, as they go forth endeavoring to glorify the Master in their lives, and uplift the world unto Him.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. CALLAWAY,
S. W. WELCH,
S. B. ELLIOTT,

Discussed by T. M. Callaway, J. A. Woodward, S. W. Welch, and adopted.

Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund reported through J. A. Powe, Treasurer :

REPORT OF TREASURER OF INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

RECEIPTS.

^{1896.}	
Sept. 14.	To balance on hand \$ 653 87
Sept. 18.	To cash from James Embry, interest on note 16 65
	To cash from F. G. Mullen, interest on note 24 00
19.	To cash from Mrs. A. E. McAfee, interest on note 40 00
22.	To cash from E. M. Miller, interest on note 93 90
Oct. 20.	To cash from John B. Mynatt, interest on note 18 00
Nov. 10.	To cash from D. S. Riggins, interest on note 40 00
Dec. 15.	To cash from S. D. Kyser, interest on note 4 80
^{1897.}	
Aug. 15.	To cash from the Talladega Baptist church, interest on note 162 25—\$1,053 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

^{1896.}	
Sept. 19.	By cash W. T. Billue on his note . . \$ 300 00
22.	By cash J. R. Steeley, donation . . . 25 00
12.	By cash T. J. Parkes, donation . . . 15 00
^{1897.}	
Feb'y. 1.	By cash T. J. Parker, donation . . . 10 00
Mch. 8.	By cash J. R. Steeley, donation . . . 25 00
Sept. 15.	By cash J. R. Steeley, donation . . . 35 00
	By balance cash on hand 643 47—\$1,053 47

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF RESOURCES OF INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND THIS DATE.

Note of Jno. B. Mynatt and interest	\$ 162 00
Note of D. S. Riggins and interest	234 90
Note of James Embry and interest	119 68
Note of estate of N. S. McAfee and interest	908 75
Note of Talladega Baptist Church and interest	1,350 00
Note of E. M. Miller and interest	347 52
Note of F. G. Mullen and interest	324 00
Note of W. T. Billue and interest	324 00
Note of S. P. Burns, interest paid	200 00
Balance cash on hand	643 47

\$4,614 32

J. A. Powe, Treasurer I. M. Fund.

September 15, 1897.

Adopted. Upon motion, the thanks of the Association was tendered to the Board for their judicious management of the fund.

Executive Committee reported :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. A. JOINER, CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1897. To amount on hand last report \$10 40
To amount received from J. F. Pope, Treasurer, 23 84—\$34 24

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By amount paid Jno. C. Williams for minutes, \$23 50
By amount cash on hand \$10 74—\$34 24

The Executive Committee as heretofore constituted, was re-elected; also, same Board of Trustees of Indigent Ministers' Fund.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That any member of this Association who may attend the sittings of sister Associations, be authorized to represent this body as a correspondent.

Elected messengers to Alabama Baptist State Convention : L. Law, J. F. Parker, F. G. Mullen, A. A. Hutto, S. B. Elliott, J. M. Solley, J. B. Graham, J. D. Davis, J. A. Woodward.

Thomas M. Callaway elected delegate to Southern Baptist Convention ; J. F. Pope, alternate.

Committee on Finance reported :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1897.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Associational.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Minutes.	Total.
Antioch		\$ 2 00				\$ 3 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 6 25
Alpine		3 10					1 50	4 60
Blue Eye	\$ 8 50						1 50	10 00
Cartersville		5 00	\$ 4 15				1 50	10 65
Coosa Valley		3 75	7 05				2 00	12 80
Cropwell	2 75	64	64				1 50	5 53
Childersburg	3 50					1 00	1 00	5 50
Dry Valley							1 00	1 00
Eureka								
Fort Williams*	3 90 1/2	6 90 1/2	3 90 1/2				1 20	16 00
Hepzibah		2 50	2 50				2 00	7 00
Harpersville	7 83	6 00	6 00				1 50	21 33
Ironaton							50	50
Lincoln	2 00	8 00	10 00	\$ 2 75	\$ 5 00	2 00	1 00	30 75
Mount Ida		1 65					1 50	3 15
Mount Zion	12 00		6 00		5 00	5 00	1 50	20 50
Mount Sharan		5 05					1 00	6 05
Munford	4 00						1 00	5 00
Macedonia	3 00	25	3 00				1 00	7 25
New Hope	75	75	75				1 25	3 50
Oak Grove	3 00					1 00	1 00	5 00
Providence, (Tal.)		3 25	3 25				1 00	7 50
Pleasant Grove			4 50		4 50		1 40	10 40
Providence		50	50				50	1 50
Pilgrims Rest							1 00	1 00
Renfro								
Refuge	5 00	4 00	4 00				1 35	14 35
Rocky Mount	1 00					1 00	75	2 75
Riverside		3 00	3 15				85	7 00
Sycamore		1 50	1 50				2 00	5 00
Salem		2 50	6 80				75	10 05
Spring Creek	5 00		5 00				1 50	11 50
Seddon						3 25	1 00	4 25
Talladega							4 00	4 00
Tallasahatchie		2 55	2 55				1 20	6 30
Willsonville							2 00	2 00
Winterboro		7 50	7 25				2 00	16 75
Collections at Ass'n								16 70
	\$62 20 1/2	\$70 45 1/2	\$82 55 1/2	\$ 2 75	\$14 50	\$16 25	\$47 06	\$ 312 86

*Fayetteville. -

Received from Finance Committee, \$312.86.

J. F. POPE, Treasurer.

Adopted.

The Treasurer of the Association reported.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

1896.

Sept. 16.	Cash on hand last report	\$ 7 44
	Cash of Finance Committee	265 36
Sept. 24.	Cash of Hepzibah Church for Orphanage	5 00—\$277 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.			
Sept. 25.	To cash paid W. C. Bledsoe, State Mis-		
	sions	\$ 50	73
	To cash paid W. C. Bledsoe, Home		
	Missions	52	29
	To cash paid W. C. Bledsoe, Foreign		
	Missions	49	39
	To cash paid W. C. Bledsoe, Ministerial		
	Education	39	80
	To cash paid W. C. Bledsoe, Howard		
	College	4	00
	To cash paid J. W. Stewart, Orphanage,	16	75
Nov. 12.	To cash paid G. A. Joiner, Minutes . .	41	00
	To cash paid G. A. Joiner, Associational		
	purposes and Jenkins fund	23	84—\$277 80
	Respectfully submitted,		
	J. F. POPE, Treasurer.		

Report adopted.

Committee on Nominations reported :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee submit the following nominations :

That the next session of this body be held with the Blue Eye Church, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1898.

That Brother T. M. Callaway preach the introductory sermon: alternate, A. A. Hutto.

That T. K. Trotter, preach the Missionary sermon: alternate, C. S. Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SOLLEY,
E. A. ADERHOLTD,
PHILANDER MORGAN.

Report adopted.

F. G. Mullen offered the following resolution :

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

WHEREAS, "Our Mountain Home" has ever taken pleasure in publishing the program of this Association, and also kindly publishing the proceedings of our fifth Sunday Meeting, therefore,

Resolved, that the thanks of this body be extended said paper.

Resolution adopted.

Standing Committees announced by the Moderator :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—J. H. Hayden, A. A. Hutto, J. D. Davis, Eli Horn, Jno. C. Williams, S. P. Burns.

STATE MISSIONS—C. S. Johnson, E. A. Aderhoit, W. H. Kidd.

HOME MISSIONS—R. A. Kidd, Eli Horn, Jno. G. Dobbins.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—T. M. Callaway, W. M. Hall, J. W. Thweatt.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—A. A. Hutto, Jno. McPherson, H. R. Donaldson.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—Jno. C. Williams, J. J. Davis, S. B. Elliott.

TEMPERANCE—P. Morgan, J. N. Cooper, D. F. Funderburg.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—G. S. Ham, E. D. Acker, F. B. Lanier.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK—F. G. Mullen, S. A. Austin, W. R. Thompson.
EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE—S. W. Welch, J. D. Truss, J. D. Davis.
PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE—L. Merkle, J. A. Collins, Ira W. Rhodes.
WOMAN'S WORK—J. B. Graham, J. H. Pope, S. C. Christie.
ORPHANAGE—G. A. Joiner, S. W. Welch, P. B. Workman.

Jno. C. Williams offered the following resolution :

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that our sincere and heartfelt thanks are hereby tendered to the Sycamore Baptist church and the brethren and citizens of the community for the bountiful Christian hospitality tendered the messengers and visitors to the Coosa River Baptist Association during its sixty-fourth annual session. Jno. C. WILLIAMS.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

F. G. Mullen offered the following resolution :

Resolved, that \$30.00, or as much as may be needed, be appropriated from the funds in the hands of the Executive Committee as a supplement to the minute fund, that the clerk be allowed \$20.00 for his services, and instructed to have 750 copies of the minutes printed and distributed by mail among churches according to their respective contributions.

The thanks of the Association was extended to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful, impartial and efficient discharge of duty.

Reading of minutes dispensed with.

J. H. Hayden and J. A. Woodward were appointed to address the Sycamore Baptist Sunday school to-morrowing.

Adjourned to 10:30 A. M., September 19, 1897.

SUNDAY, September 19, 10:30 A. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator.

The annual missionary sermon was preached by T. M. Callaway from Matth. 28:20, last clause.

There being no other business to come before this body, after appropriate remarks by the Moderator, with parting hand, and prayer by Abner Williams, the sixty-fourth annual session of the Coosa River Baptist Association was declared adjourned, sine die.

L. LAW, MODERATOR.

G. A. JOINER, CLERK.

CIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOC

FOREIGN.		ASSOCIATIONAL.	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.		Howard College.	Judson Institute.	ORPHANS' HOME.		Minutes.	HOME	
										Pastor's Salary.	
CASH	VOUCHER	CASH	CASH	VOUCHER			CASH	VOUCHER			
10 47		\$ 721 84		\$ 2 27	\$ 50 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 4 50	\$ 1 25		\$
4 15									1 50	\$ 240 00	
9 05									1 50	75 00	
3 98				5 00					2 00	100 00	
1 50									1 50	150 00	
3 96				1 00	10 00			28 00	1 00	23 75	
1 66									2 00	100 00	
9 93			\$ 5 35		8 00				1 50	150 00	
10 00		2 75	5 00					2 00	1 00	100 00	
25		2 15							1 00	30 00	
									1 00		
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4 50			4 50						1 40	50 00	
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3 34									1 35		
1 71		3 00			12 06			1 00	75	16 95	
15 00								8 71	2 00	200 00	
6 80					5 00			3 25	1 50		
2 06			85					2 50	75	100 00	
9 66			10 00		146 05	41 50		25 00	1 25	125 00	
10 00			8 10		55 00			10 94	4 00	1000 00	
			1 85						2 00	300 00	
97 05		\$ 30 74	\$ 40 65	\$ 8 27	\$ 231 01	\$ 43 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 95 90	\$ 45 75	\$ 3740 70	\$

1 Society. \$ By Sunday school. || By Earnest Workers.

STATISTICS OF COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Membership.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			Preaching Sabbath.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.	
					Membership Last Reported.	Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Resign.		Death.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.				SEPT. NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.
Antioch	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	G. W. Manning	Oxford	87	18								2	68	7	58	J. A. Wright, Kentuck	1	Yes
Alpine	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	W. R. Thompson	Alpine	87	190								1	110	49	49	S. C. Christie, Alpine	2-4	Yes
Blue Earth	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	J. H. Beavers	Lincoln	100	23	17	9						1	142	8	94	F. B. Lanier, Kymulga	4	Yes
Cartersville	Talladega	W. J. Ray	R. M. Clayton	Kymulga	104	10	10							2	123	6	34	D. F. Funderburg, Easonville	1	Yes
Coosa Valley	St. Clair	B. B. Nunnally	J. C. Walker	Easonville	153	20								1	98	4	35	Leahs Law, Cropwell	2	Yes
Crooks H.	St. Clair	R. F. Giles	Leahs Law	Cropwell	25	6								2	3	4	70	F. Moss, Childersburg	3	Yes
Childersburg	Talladega	W. B. Carter	F. Moss	Childersburg	80	10								1	98	8	60	J. W. McCain, Lincoln	3	Yes
Dry Valley	Talladega	J. W. Haynes	G. W. Clements	Lincoln	88	3	2	6						1	143	7	60	L. A. Daniel, Fayetteville	3	Yes
Fayetteville	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	E. C. Watters	Fayetteville	154	2								1	146	6	60	E. V. Caldwell, Harpersville	3	Yes
Hepzibah	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	J. S. Hallman	Fine View	155	9	11							5	146	6	60	E. V. Caldwell, Harpersville	3	Yes
Harpersville	Shelby	B. F. Giles	R. B. Posey	Harpersville	155	9	11							5	146	6	60	E. V. Caldwell, Harpersville	3	Yes
Ironston	Talladega	S. A. Austin	D. W. Shaddix	Ironston	88	4	1		1					3	1	1	94	E. D. Acker, Lincoln	4	Yes
Lincoln	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	E. D. Acker	Lincoln	78	2	19							3	1	1	40	J. J. Barke, Vincent	4	Yes
Macedonia	St. Clair	W. P. Lovell	T. M. Clinkscales	Kelleys Creek	82	4	1							3	1	1	60	Elsie Smith, Fayetteville	1	Yes
Mt. Zion	Talladega	J. M. Solley	E. L. Solley	Sycamore	74	9	2							7	73	3	24	G. T. Caldwell, Riverside	2	Yes
Mt. Zion	Talladega	R. A. Kidd	K. J. Thomas	Fayetteville	94	9								1	98	6	60	Elsie Smith, Fayetteville	1	Yes
Munford	Talladega	F. G. Mullen	H. G. Darby	Sylacauga	132	3								1	130	80	59	G. S. Ham, Sylacauga	2-4	Yes
New Hope	Talladega	J. A. Butts	B. W. Mattison	Silver Run	64	2	3							2	65		2	Yes		Yes
Oak Grove	Talladega	W. H. Johnston	W. A. Vardaman	Sylacauga	38	4								1	54	7	40	J. H. Jarvis, Sylacauga	2	Yes
Pilgrimage	Talladega	C. J. Wesley	F. Smalley	Rendalia	8	6	7							1	21	7	40	J. H. Jarvis, Sylacauga	3	Yes
Providence	Talladega	J. M. Solley	R. F. Brown	Talladega	12	10	12							1	110	10	120	I. A. Adams, Talladega	1	Yes
Pleasant Grove	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	T. E. Ogletree	Eureka	74	16	7		1					63	5	27	I. A. Adams, Talladega	1	Yes	
Providence	Shelby	J. A. Butts	L. H. Cosper	Crenshaw	59	11	10							3	72		2	Yes		Yes
Refuge	Talladega	W. M. Hall	J. W. Hackney	Lincoln	132	1								2	100		1	Yes		Yes
Riverside	St. Clair	J. R. Wells	C. T. Caldwell	Riverside	48	1								2	4		1	Yes		Yes
Rocky Mount	Talladega	W. H. Johnston	W. B. Owings	Bledsoe	26	3	1		1					55	5	42	W. B. Grant, Bledsoe	3	Yes	
Renfro	Talladega	J. G. Lowery	M. T. Morris	Sycamore	97	14	13							15		12	John McGee, Sycamore	1	Yes	
Sycamore	Shelby	A. A. Kidd	S. C. Davis	Vincent	50	13	8							110	10	120	John McGee, Sycamore	1	Yes	
Spring Creek	St. Clair	W. A. McCain	T. J. Smith	Seddon	68	3	10		1					6	64	4	30	W. H. Kidd, Vincent	2	Yes
Seddon	Talladega	T. K. Trotter	T. E. Ogletree	Eastaloga	100	2	10							3	17	2	50	J. D. Truss, Seddon	1	Yes
Salem	Talladega	T. M. Callaway	G. W. Stringer	Talladega	304	15	17							3	311	10	158	J. W. Bishop, Talladega	Every	Yes
Talladega	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	G. W. Gardner	Childersburg	70	11								3	68	6	41	G. W. Gardner, Childersburg	1	Yes
Talladega	Shelby	J. M. McCord	A. G. Weidon	Wilsonville	91	16	6							1	107	5	7	F. Pope, Wilsonville	1	Yes
Wilsonville	Talladega	A. A. Hutto	Ira W. Rhodes	Alpine	93	4	13							2	102	7	40	J. S. Morris, Alpine	2-4	Yes
Winterboro	Talladega				3054	263	248	7	23	180	23	43	32	3343	159	1445				

Eureka Church dissolved during year.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF COOSA RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1897.

CHURCH.	MISSIONS.								MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.		Howard College.	Judson Institute.	ORPHANS' HOME.		HOME EXPENSES.				Women's, Young Peoples & Children's Societies.				Value of Property.						
	STATE.		HOME.												Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel The Poor, Etc.	Sunday-Schools.	Total.	Missions.		HOME EXPENSES.		Sunday School. Missions.	Sunday School Expenses.				
			ASSOCIATIONAL.																										
	CASH	VOUCHER	CASH	VOUCHER	CASH	VOUCHER	CASH	CASH	VOUCHER	CASH			VOUCHER	CASH								VOUCHER		CASH	VOUCHER	CASH	VOUCHER	CASH	CASH
Antioch			2 00										3 00	4 50	1 25	11 66	17 91	35 82						\$ 1000 00					
Alpine		12 70	5 35		10 47		121 84		2 27	50 00	1 50				1 50	240 00	23 55	4 00	120 00						2000 00				
Blue-Eye	8 50														1 50	75 00	10 00	94 00	123 05						500 00				
Cartersville	5 00														2 00	100 00	30 00		300 00						300 00				
Coosa Valley	3 75														1 50	120 00	27 20	10 00	222 04						1000 00				
Cropwell	9 45		3 11		3 98				5 00						1 00	150 00			71 50		53 00				2000 00				
Childersburg	10 00				1 50										1 00	23 75		2 77	3 77						500 00				
Dry Valley															1 00	100 00	2 00		63 80						1000 00				
Fayetteville	5 97		6 97		3 66				1 00	10 00					28 00	1 00	975 00		43 50						800 00				
Hepzibah	1 57		1 66		1 66			5 35			8 00				1 50	150 00			2 00				3 00		500 00				
Harpersville	7 32				9 93										1 50	150 00			43 50						1000 00				
Ironaton								7 75	5 00						2 00	100 00	13 00		88 00					35 00	500 00				
Lincoln	10 25		8 00		10 00		2 15								1 00	7 25			3 15						600 00				
Macedonia	3 00		3 00		25										1 00	30 00			6 05						500 00				
Mt. Ida								2 15							1 00	5 00			5 00						1000 00				
Mt. Sharon			5 05												1 00	30 00			3 15						2500 00				
Munford	4 00														1 00	50 00			5 00						500 00				
Mt. Zion	0 00		6 00		6 00			5 00							5 00	1 50		97 20	29 50					30 00	500 00				
New Hope	75		75		75										1 00	50 00			3 59						500 00				
Oak Grove	3 00														1 00	20 00			5 00						100 00				
Pilgrims Rest															1 00	50 00			7 50						200 00				
Providence (Talladega)			3 25		3 28										1 00	10 40			1 50						400 00				
Providence					4 50			4 50							1 00	85	100 00	75 50	7 00						300 00				
Pleasant Grove							1 00								1 35	10 35			10 35						500 00				
Riverside	6 15														1 15	16 95			2 75						300 00				
Refuge	3 33		3 33		3 34										8 71	20 00	21 50		20 08						1500 00				
Rocky Mount	1 00						3 00				12 06				2 25	110 00			11 30						600 00				
Sycamore	7 30		1 30		1 71										1 00	10 25			10 25						500 00				
Spring Creek	5 00				15 00										2 50	75	100 00		15 05										
Seddon											5 00				1 25	125 00	33 87	1 80	50 76						500 00				
Salem	0 88		2 05		2 06				85						35 00	4 00	100 00	178 64	178 64		23 50	83 02			15000 00				
Tallahasatchie	180 97		8 73		9 66			10 00	8 10	140 05	41 50				110 94	2 00	300 00	6 50	119 64						500 00				
Talladega	58 71														2 00	150 00	28 85	70 00							500 00				
Wilsonville	7 51				10 00			1 85							3 00	95 90	445 75	33740 70	1624 31	8184 48	1056 16	23 50	83 02	53 00	3 00	109 22	43900 00		
Winterboro																													

NOTE—*Little Workers. †Jenkins Fund. ‡Ladies' Aid Society. §By Sunday school. ||By Earnest Workers.

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FINANCIAL DIRECTORY.

Funds for the several enterprises and departments of work fostered by the Coosa River Association should be sent as follows:

- For Indigent Ministers' Fund, to J. A. Powe, Talladega, Ala.
- For Howard College, to M. M. Wood, East Lake, Ala.
- For Judson Institute, to G. A. Joiner, Talladega, Ala.
- For Ministerial Education, to C. C. Jones, East Lake, Ala.
- For Alabama Baptist, to John G. Harris, Montgomery, Ala.
- For Bible and Colportage Work, to J. B. Collier, Montgomery, Ala.
- For State, Home and Foreign Missions, and other purposes not named above, to W. C. Bledsoe, Montgomery, Ala.
- For Orphans' Home, to Jno. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.